

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A process for the production of a coating layer from a thermally curable coating composition on a substrate, consisting of the successive steps:

- a) providing a substrate to be coated, wherein the substrate is selected from the group consisting of automotive bodies, body parts and body fittings, and wherein the substrate is made from a material selected from the group consisting of metals, plastics, fiber-reinforced plastics and compositions thereof;
- b) applying a coated backing foil consisting of a foil coated on one side with an uncured or at least only partially cured coating layer of a thermally curable coating composition, with its coated side on the entire surface or on at least one sub-zone of the surface of the substrate,
- c) supplying energy consisting of thermal energy onto the entire coating applied in step b) thereby curing the coating, and
- d) removing the backing foil from the coating which remains on the substrate.

Claim 2 (original): The process of claim 1, wherein the supply of thermal energy onto the coating proceeds at least partially through the backing foil.

Claim 3 (original): The process of claim 1, wherein the substrate to be coated is provided with a precoating comprising at least one layer.

Claim 4 (original): The process of claim 1, wherein the surface of the backing foil in adherence with the coating is textured.

Claim 5 (original): The process of claim 1, wherein the uncured or at least only partially cured coating layer in step b) is a coating layer with a tacky surface.

Claim 6 (original): The process of claim 1, wherein the thermally curable coating composition applied in step b) contains at least one binder with free-radically polymerizable olefinic double bonds.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (original): The process of claim 1, wherein the coated backing foil is applied in step b) with pressure.

Claim 9 (original): The process of claim 1, wherein the coated backing foil is applied in step b) with pressure and heat.

Claim 10 (original): The process of claim 1, wherein the supply of thermal energy proceeds in step c) by using a method selected from the group consisting of radiant heating, convection, induction heating, contact heating and any combination thereof.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (previously presented): The process of claim 1, wherein the coating composition applied in step b) comprises a transparent sealing coating composition.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The process of claim 12, wherein the transparent sealing coating composition is applied only onto ~~at least one~~ or more sub-zone(s) of the surface of the substrate.

Claim 14-41 (canceled)